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**SOLUBLE EPIDERMAL  
GROWTH FACTOR RECEPTOR-  
LIKE PROTEINS AND THEIR  
USES IN CANCER DETECTION  
METHODS**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This communication is in response to the office action dated February 5, 2009,  
concerning the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Sequence chromatograms** are attached as Appendix A.

**Declaration of Andre T. Baron** is attached as Appendix B.